UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Prentice Computer Centre

NEWSLETTER

authorization: Director of the Centre

1   CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD

Users should be aware that we monitor the system, particularly from the viewpoint of detecting unauthorised use.   In general, we hope that our users will co-operate to ensure our scarce computing resources are used appropriately.

On the 11 October, we detected that a user was endeavouring to intercept terminals logging into the system.   If this occurred, you would notice your terminal behaving strangely with no job number response to login.   If you continued to type your password, however, you would have had it echoed back to you in clear form.

Although we have had no user complaints and believe that the Computer Centre terminals were the main target, we urge all users to CHANGE PASSWORDS IMMEDIATELY.

It would be appropriate to mention that there are rather severe penalties for unauthorised use of the system, ranging from a ban on the use of the system to more severe legal action if computer time is misappropriated.

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